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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sam K. Ahn

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 January 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-5 and 8-11 in the reply filed on 02/03/06 is acknowledged.

Drawings

2. Figures 1-11 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 5 and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 5, line 1, "in claim 1" should be "in claim 3" further continuing the step from claim 3.

In claim 8, line 12, "said part of" should be "said part".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-5 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- a. Claims 1,8 and 9 recite "data which is short for the number of channels" wherein it is indefinite as to what short for the number of channels is meant, whether data is short or the number of channels is lacking, thus fails to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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- b. Claims 1 and 8 recite the limitation "the thus-obtained data" in lines 5 and 6, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 2-5 and 10-11 directly or indirectly depend on claim 1 or 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 6. Claims 1-5 and 8-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and also overcome claim objections for claims 5 and 8.
- 7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
Present application discloses a method and an apparatus of performing a channel copy operation including function a zero insertion to a first inverse Fourier transform wherein the output is coupled to a time and frequency interleaver. Prior art teaches or suggests in combination the limitations claimed, however, does not further teach performing first fast inverse Fourier transform prior to the two-dimensional interleaver and performing second fast inverse Fourier transform after the two-dimensional interleaver.

Conclusion

- 8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Usui US 6,563,865 B1 teaches OFDM signal transmitting system having interleaver coupled to an inverse Fourier transform.

Imai et al. US 6,546,249 B1 teach two dimensional interleaving in time and frequency axis.

Kim et al. US 6,952,394 B1 teach zero inserting function coupled to an interleaver and IFFT for transmitting multi-carrier signals.

Shelswell et al. US 5,610,908 teach first and second inverse Fourier transforms coupled to each other in a transmitter.

Uesugi et al. US 2002/0159425 A1 teach a two-dimensional interleaving along a time axis and along a frequency axis.

Goeckel et al. Increasing Diversity with Non-Standard Signal Sets in Wireless OFDM Systems teach wireless transmitting system transmitting OFDM signals wherein interleaver is coupled to an inverse Fourier transform.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Ahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-3044. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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